

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A bottom view of a toilet seat 505 suitable for use by obese persons is depicted in **FIGURE 5**. In FIG. 5, a plurality of radially disposed support members 520 are depicted. Two vertically extending rigid members 515 are located on the left side and right side of the toilet seat 505 between the outer rim 507 and inner rim 506 of the toilet seat 505. The vertically extending rigid members 515 are positioned for alignment with an interior edge of a toilet bowl, as depicted in FIG. 1, as to prevent lateral displacement of the toilet seat 505 when in use by an obese person. An aperture 510 formed by the inner rim 506 of the toilet seat 505, which is of suitable dimensions to provide sanitary use to obese persons is depicted in FIG. 5. In one embodiment, the width of the aperture 510 is about 8.2 inches and the length of the aperture is about 16.7 inches. As shown in Figs. 5-8, the radially disposed support members 520 and the vertically extending rigid members 515 can be integrally formed in the toilet seat 505.--